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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of

Lawrence E. Holloway et al

Application No. 10/573,342

Effective Date: March 24, 2006

Attorney Docket No. 434C293

DECISION ON PETITION

TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER

37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed March 24, 2006, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required.

The petition includes a statement by Richard R. Muse et al attesting that he is over 65 years of age. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Wan Laymon at 571-272-3220.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This application is being referred to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for preexamination processing. This application will be accorded "special" status when preexamination processing is done.

Petitions Examiner
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